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Divisional Health Offices,
Brogden Street,
Ulverston.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Dalton in Furness Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical
Officer of Health for the year 1966.

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in Acres	8,022
Population - Census, 1961	10,316
- Registrar General's Estimate of home population, mid 1966	10,730
Number of inhabited houses	3,891
Rateable Value	£264,217
Amount produced by a Penny Rate	£1,042

The Urban District of Dalton-in-Furness is situated in the North Western part of the County of Lancashire adjoining the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness and the North Lonsdale Rural District. Height above Ordnance Datum varies between 850 feet in the north-east to sea level in the west. There are outcrops of limestone in various parts of the District and in the past there has been extensive mining for iron ore which has left the surface considerably scarred and some of the low lying areas flooded with water.

The chief industries are viscose manufacturing, shoe-making, brickworks, clothing manufacture and agriculture, but a large proportion of the male working population is employed in the shipyards and engineering works at Barrow-in-Furness.

VITAL STATISTICS

The principal vital statistics for the year 1966 and for the preceding five years are given on page two.

203 live births were registered, 101 being males and 102 females. 3 male and 6 female were illegitimate.

Approximately 69% of the deaths were in persons of 65 years of age and over and the principal causes of death were:- Heart disease 66, Malignant growths 20, and Vascular Lesions of the nervous system 19. Of the 66 deaths from Heart disease, 41 were due to Coronary Artery Disease.

The adjusted live birth rate of 19.9 per 1,000 and the adjusted death rate of 14.8 per 1,000 can be compared with the corresponding rates for England and Wales of 18.1 per 1,000 and 11.5 per 1,000 respectively.

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popul- ation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popul- ation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1966	203	18.9	150	14.0	2	9.8	Nil	Nil	4	19.7	3	14.8
1965	190	18.1	139	13.2	4	20.6	Nil	Nil	5	26.3	4	21.1
1964	193	18.6	110	10.6	6	30.2	1	5.03	3	15.5	2	10.4
1963	157	15.2	160	15.5	4	24.8	Nil	Nil	4	25.5	2	12.7
1962	168	16.3	135	13.1	3	17.5	Nil	Nil	6	35.7	5	29.8
1961	156	15.1	148	14.3	6	37.0	Nil	Nil	4	25.6	4	25.6
Average 5 years 1961-65	-	16.7	-	13.3	-	26.0	-	1.0	-	25.7	-	19.9

Adjusted live birth rate 1966 (comparability factor 1.05) = 19.9 per 1,000

Adjusted death rate 1966 (comparability factor 1.06) = 14.8 per 1,000

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:-

J.L.WILD. M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Other Appointments Held:-

Medical Officer of Health -
Ulverston Urban District
Council, Grange-over-Sands
Urban District Council,
North Lonsdale Rural District
Council.

Divisional Medical Officer -
Health Division No. 1
Lancashire County Council.

Public Health Inspector:-

P. HOWARD, M.A.P.H.I.
Meat and Other Foods
Inspectors Certificate

Other Appointments Held:-

Cleansing Superintendent and Housing
Manager - Dalton-in-Furness
Urban District Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY

The provision and maintenance of public water supplies throughout the District is the responsibility of the Furness Water Board. Dalton is supplied from Poaka Beck reservoir and Askam from the Ulpha intake of the River Duddon.

No new sources of supply were acquired during the year but the main was extended to supply the new estate of private dwellings at Dalton.

The supply was satisfactory in quality throughout the year, but is proving insufficient to give an adequate supply to the new estate in Greystone Area.

3,863 houses are now supplied direct from public mains, 3 from standpipes and 14 have private supplies.

SEWERAGE

The sewage from Dalton is taken to screening tanks near the site of the old gasworks and the effluent is then discharged to the Barrow Corporation sewerage system. The sewage from Askam is passed through screening tanks and the effluent discharged to the Duddon estuary. Sewage from the hamlet of Newton passes through a settlement tank, the effluent being discharged to a stream. Lindal and Martin have modern sewage disposal plant where full treatment is given before discharging the effluent to nearby streams.

5 houses have privy middens and another 2 have pail closets, the remainder being on the water carriage system.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse is made and trade refuse is collected subject to payment of an annual charge.

Dustbins are now renewable out of the rate fund.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
(1) No. of registered premises at end of year	18	44	1	3	-
(2) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	3	10	-	3	-
(3) No. of exemptions current at end of year:-	-	-	-	-	-
Space (S.5.(2))	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.9)	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities (S.10)	-	-	-	-	-

(4) No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises 38

(5) No. of prosecutions during year None

HOUSING

Property in the District is generally 60-80 years old, terrace type, opening direct on to the street. For the most part the houses are structurally sound, but many are without modern amenities such as baths and hot water system. There is a general lack of damp courses but little evidence of rising dampness. Repairs and improvements are slow to be carried out.

A caravan site at Askam is licensed for 17 permanent and 45 holiday caravans.

(1) Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats</u>
(1) By the local authority	4	-
(2) By other local authorities	-	-
(3) By other bodies or persons	180	-

(2) Total No. of Council-owned dwellings existing at end of year	611
(3) <u>Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-</u>	
(1) (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	54
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	66
(c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	27
(2) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -	
(a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)	2
(b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made	11

(4) <u>Houses Demolished:-</u>	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas:			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas:	-	-	-

(5) <u>Unfit Houses Closed:-</u>	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Under S. 16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1), Housing Act, 1957, and S.26, Housing Act, 1961.	1	3	1
(2) Under S.17(3) and S.26, Housing Act, 1957.	-		
(3) Parts of buildings closed under S.18, Housing Act, 1957.	-		

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

No samples of milk were taken for biological examination or for statutory tests.

MEAT INSPECTION

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district where all animals were inspected post-mortem. Details are as follows:-

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	96	1	-	321	-
Number inspected	96	1	-	321	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	72	1	-	67	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	75%	-	-	20.9%	-
<u>Tuberculosis - No. affected</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis - No. affected</u>	-	-	-	-	-

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases which occurred in the Urban District during the five years 1961-1965 compared with the number in 1966.

Disease	Number of cases in year					
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Scarlet fever	-	1	-	-	1	-
Measles	144	27	196	36	82	81
Whooping cough	17	-	7	6	1	-
Dysentery	-	3	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	4	2	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	8	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	172	35	206	42	84	81

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 172.

At the request of the Chest Physician an order was obtained for the compulsory removal to hospital of a man suffering from open tuberculosis.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases and mortality during 1966.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
55-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	2	2	-	1	-	1	-
	7		2		1		1	

The table below shows the number of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis in Dalton residents during the past 12 years.

Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1955	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	6	9	-	-	3	-	-	-
1957	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1958	8	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
1959	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
1961	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1962	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1963	7	2	1	-	3	1	-	-
1964	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
1965	4	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
1966	5	2	2	-	1	-	1	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above named Acts.

In conclusion, it is my pleasure to thank the Members of the Health Committee and the Officers of the Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council, particularly the Public Health Inspector for their unfailing courtesy and help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J.L. WILD.

Medical Officer of Health.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

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in respect of the year 1966 for the Dalton-in-Furness
Urban District in the County of Lancashire.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

- 1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of -</u>		<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	35	1	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	43	35	1	-

- 2 - Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>	
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-

No prosecutions were instituted

Part VIII of the Act

Particulars under Sections 133 and 134

No. of outworkers in August list	Nil
No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	Nil





